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German reference 196 53 860 C1 was cited in the German Office Action as showing all the features of independent Claim 1 with the exception of the actuator blocking element being provided for securing the actuator in the home position thereof.

German reference 196 53 860 C1 was also cited against dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17 and 18.

The remaining two references were cited for showing similar devices.

With the submission of this admitted prior art, applicant thus complies with the duty of disclosure as set forth at 37 CFR 1.56.

Respectfully submitted,

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